

## ONELAU`ENA

### **“A place where all necessities of life can be found”**

Project Name:	Onelau`ena – a place where all necessities of life can be found (previously known as Building 50)
Description:	Transitional Shelter
Location:	Kalaeloa
Number of Residents:	Approximately 200 individuals (when fully occupied in mid-November)
Current Residents:	30 families, 150 individuals – 90 children (residents began moving in on Oct. 19)
Number of Floors:	Three
Number of Units:	61
Unit Description:	Units range in size from 190 to 230 square feet. Each unit is partially furnished with a refrigerator, microwave oven, beds and two dresser drawers.
Common Areas:	Separate restrooms and showers for men and women are located on each floor. In addition, each floor features a laundry room, as well as a common area where residents can gather for meetings and socializing.
Meals:	Families will be able to cook their own meals in their units or use the common kitchens located on each floor. Churches and other community organizations will also donate food and prepare some meals.
Status of Construction:	The first floor remains under construction and is expected to open in mid-November. Renovation work on the building, which started in late July, is being performed by crews from the Department of Accounting and General Services and workers from the Department of Public Safety's prison work line. The building, which was constructed in the 1940s and previously used as an office building with classrooms and a library, was reconfigured into individual living units with a central corridor. The units and kitchen and laundry areas were rewired, and sinks and counters were built into the common areas. Open stairwells were fenced in as a safety measure to prevent children from falling.
Cost:	The cost for the renovation, including the appliances, is estimate at \$2 million.
Donations:	All of the furnishings in the units were donated by the Army and the Navy. In addition, household items were donated by churches and other community organizations. Food and meal preparations will also be donated.

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- Service Provider: Wai`anae Community Outreach has been contracted by the state Hawai`i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) to operate and manage the facility and provide social services and security.
- Social Services: Self-improvement classes, skills development, job placement assistance, entrepreneurial training, basic education, child nurturing, etc.
- Transition Program: Families will work with Wai`anae Community Outreach to move from emergency status to become transitional housing clients. While families are in emergency status, they will take part in various services to help alleviate barriers they may be facing that are preventing them from securing housing. Through this participation, they will earn "village bucks" to redeem for rental fees that would normally be assessed. As residents progress into transitional status, they will pay a fee to stay at the shelter, based on their income.

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